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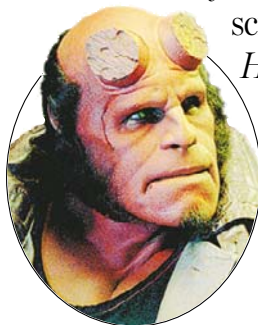
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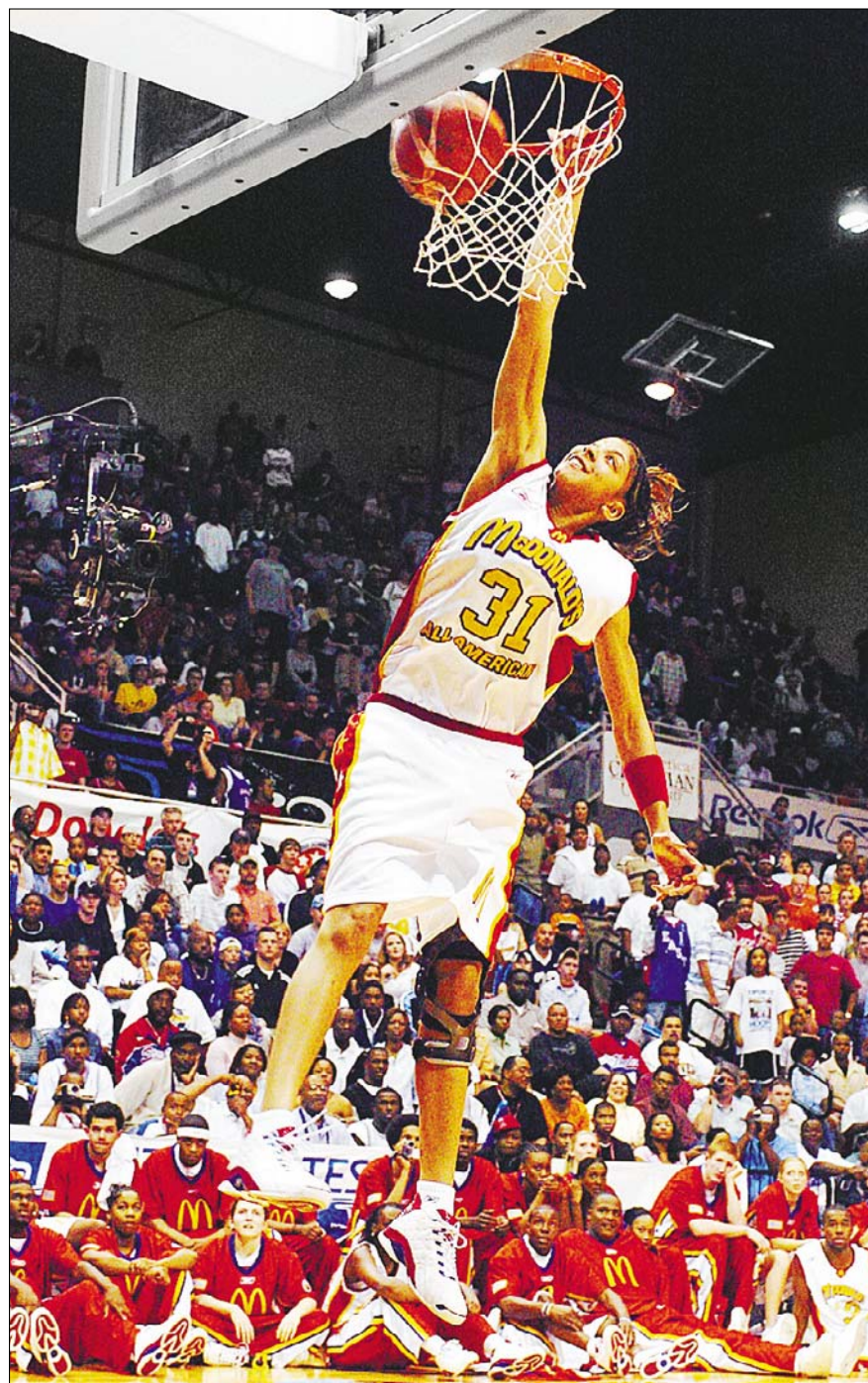
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### BASKETBALL | AIR APPARENT



**SLAMMIN':** Candace Parker beat five male competitors to win Monday's Powerade Jam Fest slam dunk competition — a part of the McDonald's All-American Game festivities in Midwest City, Okla. ESPN will air the contest Wednesday night at 8 p.m. ♣ **For more:** See Sports | Page 10

## U-Turn: Rice Will Testify

Administration backs down on appearance at 9/11 panel

WASHINGTON | President Bush has agreed to do what he had insisted for weeks he would not: allow National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice to testify publicly and under oath before an independent panel investigating the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The White House also agreed Tuesday that Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney would answer questions — together, in private — before the entire commission.

The turnabout reflected administration concern that the president's strongest point with voters — his leadership in the war on terror — could be eroded if the high-publicity dispute over Rice's testimony lingered.



Rice

"I've ordered this level of cooperation because I consider it necessary to gaining a complete picture of the months and years that preceded the murder of our fellow citizens on Sept. 11, 2001," Bush said.

Administration officials said Rice's appearance probably would come at the end of next week.

Opinion polls suggest support for Bush's handling of the war on terror has declined. Two surveys out this week show the president's approval ratings on that issue are now in the high 50 percent range after being in the mid-60s for months.

JENNIFER LOVEN (AP)

**Rice's response:** What she's likely to tell the commission | Today's Washington Post, A

**STAIN FIGHTERS | Just a Spoonful of Venom** Researchers in Anaheim, Calif., have put some fang in a newfangled way to lift stubborn blood stains from dirty laundry. Bloodstained swatches of denim treated with an enzyme isolated from the venom



of the Florida cottonmouth and then laundered came out cleaner than did denim samples simply thrown in the washing machine, researchers said Monday. Scientists say the enzyme hampers how blood naturally clots. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

# EyeOpeners

## COFFEE COMPETITION

### Olfactory Fresh

For Peter Giuliano, a quality cup of coffee doesn't just tempt the taste buds — it's got to have a pleasantly wafting aroma as well. Giuliano, of the U.S.-based Counter Culture Company, was one of the judges for a competition to select the highest-quality coffees at the Casona del Cafetal near Cachi, Costa Rica, on Monday. The winning coffees will be offered in the 3rd Golden Harvest Internet Auction of Fine Costa Rican Coffees on May 20. (EXPRESS)



KENT GILBERT/AP

## HISTORY

### Privy Preservation

A group of history buffs in Steamboat Springs, Colo., is seeking historic designation for a campground outhouse, with one official saying it's important

to preserve "fragments of our history." The 4-Hole Log Outhouse was built in 1935 by the Civilian Conservation Corps, which was organized to employ Americans during the Great Depression and played a key role in

the evolution of the nation's parks and forests. "You've got to try to preserve a little bit of the whole area, the whole spectrum," Michael Olsen, chairman of the Routt County Historic Preservation Board, said. (AP)

## ANIMAL WATCH

### Big-Time Ankle-Biter

A 65-year-old woman in Royal Palm Beach, Fla., is recovering from an encounter with an alligator that bit her as she was sitting in the back of a pickup truck. Patricia Compton told the Palm Beach Post that she had been sitting in the back of the truck earlier this month with her feet outstretched

to avoid getting wet as the truck slowly moved through deep water on a remote trail in the J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area. Then a nearly 10-foot alligator lunged up and clamped down on Compton's ankle, breaking her fibula bone. She underwent surgery and now has the bottom of her leg in a cast. She expects to be released from the hospital Thursday. (AP)

## ART

### The Real Deal

She sits at a keyboard, a woman of mystery — until now. On Tuesday, auctioneers at Sotheby's in London said the painting, once dismissed as a fake, has been confirmed to be the work of 17th-century Dutch artist Johannes Vermeer. Researchers spent more than 10 years studying the painting, "Young Woman Seated at the Virginals," which is thought to have been painted about 1670. Sotheby's said it is expected to bring more than \$5.4 million when it is sold in London on July 8, the first Vermeer to be auctioned in more than 80 years. (AP)



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## In Brief

MCALESTER, OKLA.

**Witness Testifies She Saw Nichols With Fertilizer**

A woman testified Tuesday that she saw Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols spreading around fertilizer that prosecutors say was leftover bomb-making material. The bomb that destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah building on April 19, 1995, killing 168 people, was made with fuel oil-soaked ammonium nitrate fertilizer. Gladys Wendt of Latimer, Kan., said she saw Nichols throwing an excessive amount of fertilizer on his yard two days after the blast. (AP)

SHREVEPORT, LA.

**Officers Cleared of Civil Rights Charges in Shooting**

The Justice Department on Tuesday cleared three white officers of civil rights violations in last year's fatal shooting of an unarmed black man that led to protests and the police chief's resignation. Black leaders held anti-police rallies after the Shreveport officers shot 25-year-old Marquise Hudspeth in the back eight times after a chase. The officers said they believed the cell phone Hudspeth was holding was a gun. (AP)

LUCASVILLE, OHIO

**Man Executed for Killing Couple Over Drug Debts**

A man who worked in a prison slaughterhouse was executed Tuesday for strangling a woman after slitting her husband's throat and then dismembering the bodies. William D. Wickline, 52, was the 11th inmate to die by injection since Ohio resumed executions in 1999. (AP)

# Kerry Blames Bush for Gas Prices

Says more oil should be available to consumers

SAN DIEGO | In a high-octane, election-year fight, Democrat John Kerry on Tuesday sought to lay the blame for soaring gas prices on a resistant Republican administration while President Bush warned of higher gas taxes from "some in the other party in Washington."

The presumptive Democratic nominee complained that Bush has not taken steps to drive prices down, calling on the administration to stop pumping oil into the nation's emergency stockpile until Americans see cheaper prices. The administration has rejected that notion.

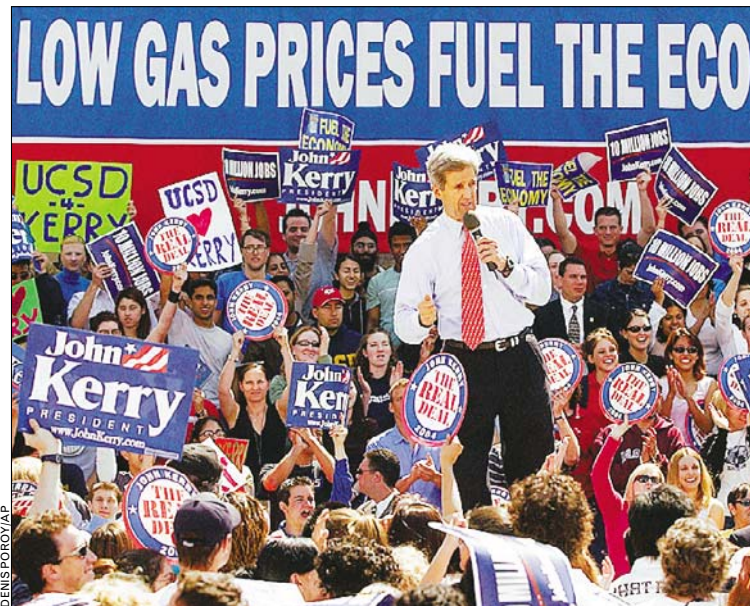
Campaigning in Wisconsin, Bush

complained about the damaging effect on the economy of gas taxes as his re-election team unveiled a new ad — set to air in 18 states — that labeled Kerry's gas tax ideas "wacky."

On the eve of a meeting in Vienna, Kerry also urged the administration to implore the representatives of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to provide more oil.

Gasoline prices reached a national average of \$1.80 a gallon in the past two weeks, according to the private Lundberg Survey.

NEDRA PICKLER (AP)



Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry took President Bush to task over high gas prices during a stop at the University of California-San Diego on Tuesday.

**Promoting Democrats:** Ex-presidential hopeful Howard Dean takes questions on his Democracy for America group | 5:15 p.m. today at [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline)

## Tourists to Get More Access to Statue of Liberty

NEW YORK | Access to the Statue of Liberty, which has been closed since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, will be relaxed beginning this summer, although tourists will still not be allowed inside the statue itself.

Secretary of Interior Gale Norton said Tuesday that the observation deck on the statue's pedestal will be reopened sometime in late July.

Currently, tourists can visit Liberty Island but are not allowed inside the 151-foot statue or its pedestal. (AP)

## CIA: New Info, But No WMD, in Iraq

Agency's top inspector says factories could have made banned weapons

WASHINGTON | U.S. weapons hunters in Iraq have found more evidence Saddam Hussein's regime had civilian factories able to quickly produce biological and chemical weapons, the CIA's top weapons inspector told senators Tuesday. But they still have not found any weapons.

The CIA's special adviser on the weapons hunt, Charles Duelfer, said he did not know how much longer the weapons hunt might take.

"The picture is much more complicated than I anticipated going in," Duelfer said at a Capitol Hill press conference.

In a closed session with the Senate Armed Services Committee, Duelfer said the Iraq Survey Group has found new evidence that Iraqi scientists flight tested long-range ballistic missiles and unmanned aerial vehicles that "easily exceeded" U.N. limits of 93 miles.

And the survey group has new information indicating the regime

engaged in ongoing research to produce chemical or biological weapons on short notice, using civilian — or "dual use" — facilities.

However, in declassified testimony shared with the media, Duelfer didn't break significant ground on the weapons hunt, saying he lacked sufficient information to draw conclusions about what Saddam had.

Duelfer took over the job of top civilian weapons inspector after his predecessor, David Kay, resigned in January and told Congress "we were almost all wrong" about Saddam's weapons programs.

KATHERINE PFLEGER SHRADER (AP)



Duelfer

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## Nation

## Foster Photos Kept Off-Limits

## Court blocks release of images made after Clinton lawyer's death

WASHINGTON | The Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that the government does not have to release 11-year-old photographs from the suicide of Clinton administration White House lawyer Vincent Foster because it would cause his family pain and intrude on their privacy.

The unanimous decision makes it more difficult to use a public records law to access federal law enforcement records from autopsies and death scenes. Justices said privacy rights of survivors must be balanced against the public's right to information.

A California attorney had sought the Foster pictures, saying they might prove he was murdered as part of a White House cover-up. There was no reasonable evidence of that, the Supreme Court said.

The widow of race-car driver Dale Earnhardt had filed papers with the Supreme Court opposing the release of four photographs of Foster's body. The Earnhardt family had worked in Florida courts to prevent release of autopsy photographs of Earnhardt, who died in 2001 during the Daytona 500.

Multiple investigations determined that a depressed Foster shot himself in the head at a park in Virginia in 1993. GINA HOLLAND (AP)

## CEILING COLLAPSE | RAINING PLASTER



**DANGER FROM ABOVE:** Eight students were taken to hospitals in Omaha, Neb., after the ceiling in their classroom collapsed on top of them. The class of 14 second-graders was reading when the incident took place, KETV-TV in Omaha reported. Officials closed the building for inspections.

## Police Look For Missing Wis. Student

MADISON, WIS. | Volunteers slogged through the mud Tuesday in a search for a college student who vanished over the weekend after a baffling attack in February.

Audrey R. Seiler, 20, a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin, was last seen early Saturday near her off-campus apartment.

A surveillance tape from her building showed her leaving without her coat or purse, and her door was left open, police said. She also left her car behind.



Seiler

On Feb. 1, the Rockford, Minn., woman was walking near her apartment when someone struck her from behind and knocked her unconscious, police said. She was then moved about a block but was not sexually assaulted and nothing was taken from her, police said. No arrests were made.

JENNY PRICE (AP)

## Sun Exposure Hikes Women's STD Risk

ORLANDO, FLA. | The long sunny days of summer may increase the risk of catching a common sexually transmitted infection. And it's not just because people have more sex when the weather is nice.

Researchers using data from the Netherlands found that detec-

tion of papilloma virus infection during routine cancer screening peaks during August. Their theory: Sunlight suppresses women's immune-system defenses.

Experts have long suspected that sunlight has powerful effects on the body's tendency to develop a variety

of diseases, including cancer. The best example is the risk of too much sun triggering skin cancer.

However, many suspect sunshine can even affect susceptibility to a variety of everyday viruses like papilloma. These viruses are spread through sexual contact, and they are the most common cause of cervical cancer. (AP)



## In Brief

## PHILIPPINES

**'Madrid-Level' Terror Attack Prevented, President Says**

Four Muslim extremists in the al Qaeda-linked Abu Sayyaf group have been arrested with a stash of TNT targeted for terror attacks, officials said Tuesday. "We have prevented a Madrid-level attack," President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo said, referring to the March 11 train bombings in Spain. One suspect allegedly confessed he hid eight pounds of explosives in a TV set, then detonated it aboard a ferry that caught fire a month ago, killing more than 100 people. (AP)

## PAKISTAN

**Army Retracts Qaeda Claim**

Pakistani officials on Tuesday backed off claims that they killed a major al Qaeda fugitive, saying a man they believed had been an intelligence chief for Osama bin Laden's organization was in fact a much less senior local figure. Army spokesman Maj. Gen. Shaukat Sultan blamed the mistake on faulty intelligence. (AP)

## BOLIVIA

**Disgruntled Miner Blows Himself Up Inside Congress**

A suicide bomber detonated his explosive vest in a hallway of the Bolivian Congress Tuesday, killing himself and wounding two police, authorities said. State-run television said the two officers had died. The bomber was a disgruntled miner demanding early retirement benefits, police said. Earlier Tuesday, police evacuated Congress amid reports miners planned to force their way into the building. (AP)

## BALKANS

**Nationalists Rally Behind Milosevic, Hague Defendants**

Serbian lawmakers on Tuesday awarded salaries, legal fees and other financial perks to former President Slobodan Milosevic and fellow Serbian war crimes suspects being tried by a U.N. tribunal. The new law, which was adopted by a 141-35 vote in parliament, was opposed by the pro-Western Democratic Party, which led the 2000 rebellion against Milosevic and extradited him to the U.N. tribunal in 2001 to face charges stemming from the Balkan wars of the 1990s. (AP)



Following the anti-terrorism raids Tuesday in which eight men were arrested, a policeman stands guard as forensic experts prepare to enter a house in West Sussex.

## Massive British Sweep Nets 8 Terror Suspects

### Police find chemical used for making bombs at self-storage facility

LONDON | Police arrested eight men and seized a half-ton of ammonium nitrate, a fertilizer compound that has been used in several high-profile bombings, in raids by hundreds of officers Tuesday.

The sweep, one of the biggest anti-terrorism operations in Britain since Sept. 11, netted eight suspects in London and towns to the south and west on suspicion of involvement in the "commission, preparation or instigation" of acts of terrorism, London's Metropolitan Police said.

Authorities recovered the ammonium nitrate from a self-storage

facility in west London. It was the largest seizure of potential bomb-making material in England since the Irish Republican Army suspended its campaign of violence in 1997.

Press Association, the British news agency, said all eight suspects were of Pakistani descent, but police would not comment.

Massoud Shadjareh, chairman of the Islamic Human Rights Commission, warned that the raids risked demonizing Muslims. "These raids are usually given a lot of importance when they are taking place," he said. "But when people are released without charge, it is not news."

Of more than 500 people arrested under the Terrorism Act since Sept. 11, 2001, four-fifths have been released without charge. (AP)

## Uzbek City Rocked By More Violence

### 23 die as police clash with suspected Islamic militants near Tashkent

TASHKENT, UZBEKISTAN | Gunfire and explosions resounded in the capital Tuesday as Uzbek forces battled for hours with suspected Islamic militants after two more suicide attacks. Officials claimed 20 terrorists and three police died in the fighting.

The bloodshed brought the death toll to 42 in three days of violence, the government said — the most serious unrest in the country since Uzbekistan let hundreds of U.S. troops use a base near the Afghan border after the Sept. 11 attacks. All of this week's attacks appeared to target Uzbek authorities.

The clashes Tuesday were centered just outside the city limits, off the road heading to the official home of President Islam Karimov.

An AP reporter saw four separate sites of fighting in the district: remnants from two suicide bombings on roads, a burned-out building pockmarked with bullet holes and the bodies of at least five



suspects splayed out in front of an apartment house.

The clashes began with a pair of suicide bombings. Police stopped a small car, and two alleged terrorists jumped out and detonated explosive-laden belts, killing themselves and three police, said a National Security Service officer at the scene.

Down the road, a woman detonated explosives after refusing to heed police orders to stop approaching a bus, according to witnesses.

Three black-clad women who had been in a car with the bomber fled to a nearby apartment building, where police then began a nearly five-hour standoff with them and other suspects.

An Interior Ministry officer said 16 suspected terrorists — 11 men and five women — were killed in the apartment building. (AP)

### RENEWED CRACKDOWN FEARED

#### → Human Rights Watch

released a report Tuesday documenting the Uzbek government's campaign of religious persecution, including torture and arrests of people engaged in legitimate religious activi-

ty — and expressed worry that the latest violence could spark a renewed crackdown on Muslims. The U.S. State Department, in a report released in February, described the human rights situation in the country as very poor.

### HEARSAY | PREVIEWS

"The face of Christ comes across less than our contemporary obsessions: anxiety about evil, a fascination about violence, a search for the guilty."

— CONFERENCE OF FRENCH BISHOPS  
WARNING ITS FAITHFUL TUESDAY ABOUT MEL GIBSON'S "THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST," SET TO BE RELEASED IN FRANCE ON WEDNESDAY.

## Official: Canadian Security After 9/11 Lacking

### Auditor general says issue needs urgent attention

TORONTO | The Canadian government has not tightened its security procedures sufficiently after Sept. 11, leaving its border and airports vulnerable to terrorist infiltration, a key official said Tuesday.

Auditor General Sheila Fraser said the lack of coordination among security agencies and the weaknesses at airports and border crossings

need to be urgently addressed.

"These are basic things that should be working more effectively," Fraser told a news conference.

After the Sept. 11 attacks, the Canadian government allocated \$7.7 billion over five years to bolster anti-terrorism efforts. But Fraser, whose office is independent and serves Parliament, found that

agencies are still unable to share some security information.

For example, information about the 25,000 Canadian passports lost or stolen each year is not available to front-line officers, even though they could be used by terrorists, the report said. And watch lists used to screen visa applicants seeking to enter Canada are "in disarray" because of inaccuracies and shoddy updating, Fraser found. (AP)



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## Grocery Workers OK Deal

Giant, Safeway unions overwhelmingly pass four-year agreement

WASHINGTON | The operators of the two largest supermarket chains in the Baltimore-Washington area avoided a possible strike Tuesday as employees voted to ratify a new four-year labor agreement.

"The members are very pleased. It passed by over 95 percent with the Giant folks," said C. James Lowthers, president of Local 400 of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union.

The Giant vote came four hours after 4,000 union members employed by Safeway voted overwhelmingly to accept an identical agreement.

The contract provides annual increases of 30-35 cents per hour, totaling \$1.25 through March 29, 2008.

While current workers will continue to earn time and a half for hours worked on Sunday, new employees will get premium pay of one dollar an hour, which increases to \$2 in the third year of service.

Health care deductibles for existing employees will double to \$200 per year, but copays for doctors visits and prescription medications remain unchanged.

The agreements cover about 26,000 employees at Giant and Safeway stores in Maryland, northern Virginia and D.C. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

### INTERSTATE 95 | ROADBLOCK



**FLIP SIDE:** Two tractor trailers collided just south of Route 234 on Interstate 95 South in Dumfries, Va., on Tuesday. Within an hour of the accident, traffic was at a standstill for more than four miles on I-95.

## Man Killed at D.C. Metrorail Station

WASHINGTON | A man was fatally shot Tuesday afternoon on a parked bus at the Anacostia Metrorail station, according to D.C. police.

Police said Bradley H. Gant, 29, of the District, was involved in an altercation with an unidentified

man and ran onto the bus, where he was shot multiple times. Gant left the bus and collapsed, police said, and was later pronounced dead.

It was the first homicide this year within the transit system, which had one homicide in each of the past five years, records show.

D.C. police are investigating and asked anyone with information to call 202-727-9099. (EXPRESS)

### HEARSAY | BUDGET

"Let's not lob a hand grenade over to the Senate just so we can go back home and say, 'Duh, well we passed something,'"

— VA. DEL. ALBERT C. POLLARD JR., D-LANCASTER  
DECRYING AN INTERIM, ONE-YEAR BUDGET PROPOSAL BACKED BY VA. REPUBLICANS.

## Mislabeled Pipes Linked to Water Woes

WASHINGTON | Some home water lines listed as copper are actually made of lead, and that apparently contributed to elevated lead levels in tap water at those houses, city officials announced Tuesday.

Water and Sewer Authority Chief Engineer Mike Marcotte said pipe inspections at 49 houses listed as having copper lines revealed that 42 of them have all lead or partially lead lines. He said 32 are lead on both sides, meaning they are made

of lead from the main to the meter and from the meter to the house.

Also Tuesday, City Administrator Robert Bobb said a half-dozen investigations are under way that are connected to the water problem.

Bobb said answers are needed indicating why agencies such as WASA and the EPA did not notify the mayor, the D.C. Council or the city administrator about the elevated lead levels when they realized the magnitude of the problem. (AP)

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## In Brief

## COFFEE RETAILERS

## Starbucks Looks to Triple Number of Stores to 25,000

Think there's already a Starbucks on every corner? Think again. Starbucks is opening coffee shops at the rate of about 3 1/2 a day worldwide, and that figure could increase, chief executive Orin Smith told shareholders at the company's annual meeting Tuesday. The long-term plan is to triple the number of stores worldwide to about 25,000. (AP)

## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

## Consumer Confidence Flat

Consumer confidence was stagnant in March amid lingering worries about the job market. The Conference Board reported Tuesday that its consumer confidence index slipped to 88.3 this month from a revised 88.5 in February. The February reading was down sharply from 97.7 in January. (AP)

## LEGAL BATTLES

## Battle With Music-Swappers Moves to Europe, Canada

The music industry's campaign against song-swappers moved overseas Tuesday as trade groups went after 247 people in Europe and Canada. The International Federation of the Phonographic Industry said people in Germany, Denmark, Italy and Canada had been hit with lawsuits, criminal charges or threatening letters. (AP)

## Snow Reignites Outsourcing Furor

## Treasury secretary says sending jobs overseas makes America strong

WASHINGTON | Treasury Secretary John Snow reignited the political argument over U.S. companies shipping jobs overseas Tuesday with comments that "outsourcing" was an integral part of a global trading system.

Asked in a newspaper interview whether he thought outsourcing made the U.S. economy strong, Snow replied, "It's one aspect of trade and there can't be any doubt about the fact that trade makes ... America strong."

Snow's remarks were similar to comments N. Gregory Mankiw, the president's chief economist, made last month in which he said outsourcing would probably be a long-term benefit for the United States. Mankiw later apologized for comments he said were misinterpreted and made him appear to be insensitive to the issue of job losses.

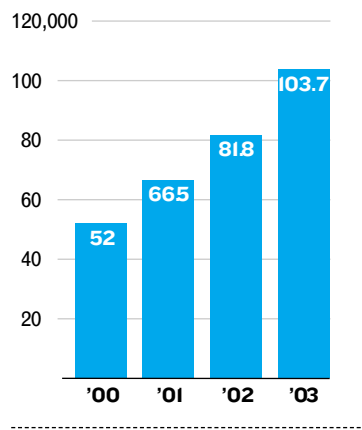
In Appleton, Wis., on Tuesday,

Bush told an audience that he understood there was concern about "jobs going overseas." But he said the way to confront the problem was to "make sure America remains the best place in the world to do business" and not to resort to "economic isolationism." MARTIN CRUTSINGER (AP)

## More Outsourcing

A recent analysts' estimate shows a steady increase in U.S. information technology jobs lost to outsourcing.

Cumulative IT jobs displaced or not created due to outsourcing



**BY THE NUMBERS:** Last year, the average American dined out or grabbed fast food 200 times, a decline of 4.3% from 2000. Some 3% of the nation's restaurant workers lost their jobs from May 2001 to May 2003. (AP)

## Market Action

## New York Stock Exchange

## Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
MidwGm	7.38	+0.85	+13.0
BarryRG h	2.75	+0.27	+10.9
InputOut	7.75	+0.75	+10.7
Magnfk	7.40	+0.70	+10.4
TexInd	35.94	+2.94	+8.9

## Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Trump	2.71	-0.35	-11.4
MailWell	4.10	-0.29	-6.6
Borders	22.85	-1.36	-5.6
CtlAir B	12.15	-0.70	-5.4
KerznerInt	43.79	-2.39	-5.2

## Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.94	0.93
2-year	1.62	1.47
10-year	3.90	3.70
30-year	4.81	4.65

## NASDAQ Stock Market

## Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
CwlthBio	10.41	+3.60	+52.9
VascSol	9.78	+3.17	+48.0
Bitstrm	3.15	+0.84	+36.4
AladnKn	19.79	+4.20	+26.9
PaulaFn	3.87	+0.80	+26.1

## Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
SoScLfe	3.92	-0.83	-17.5
IPIX Cp	4.32	-0.74	-14.6
Infinity	3.24	-0.53	-14.1
Zevex	3.00	-0.46	-13.3
Larscom rs	5.00	-0.69	-12.1

## Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	0.5473	0.5501	0.6348
Canadian Dollar	1.3067	1.3084	1.4714
European Euro	0.8203	0.8235	0.9278
Japanese Yen	105.58	105.46	119.70
Mexican Peso	11.1900	11.2250	10.7300
Taiwanese Dollar	33.15	33.19	34.74

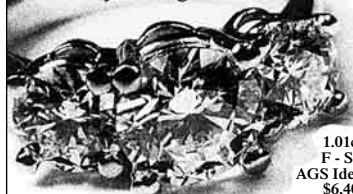
DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+52.07	+8.06	+4.53
+0.50	+0.40	+0.40
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## Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
ClearChan	42.10	+0.40	-10.1
Comcast	28.96	-0.03	-11.7
Comc sp	28.00	-0.06	-10.5
CoxCom	31.81	+0.42	-7.7
Disney	25.18	-0.02	+7.9
Fox Ent	26.69	-0.06	-8.4
Gannett	88.65	+0.25	-6
GTelevs	46.51	+0.25	+16.7
LibtyMA	11.00	+0.02	-7.5
LibtyMB	12.00	-0.25	-13.0
NewsCorp	35.30	+0.38	-2.2
Thomson	31.16	+0.18	-14.0
TimeWarr	16.88	-0.05	-6.2
Viacom	39.50	+0.60	-10.8
ViacomB	39.25	+0.54	-11.6

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# Envoy's Hidden Depths

**Slide back the roof and open the gate: this SUV is a pickup**

**ROAD TEST** | The 2004 GMC Envoy XUV doesn't look like a pickup truck. It doesn't ride like a truck, either.

But when the XUV's rearmost roof retracts, exposing a sizable, all-weather cargo area that can carry a tall shrub upright and later be washed out with a hose, well, that's when you begin to wonder.

The XUV is the first sport utility vehicle with a power sliding roof over its concealed cargo area.

Studebaker offered a sliding roof in the 1960s, but it was on cars, not SUVs. And the only factory vehicles today with all-weather, open-roof cargo areas have traditional pickup beds exposed at the rear.

But the XUV looks like an SUV, giving no outward hint of its truckish characteristics.

Indeed, consumers can't tell from looking that the XUV offers two ways to open the rear: A truck-like tailgate, for hauling long loads, and an SUV-like door that swings to the side.



**SPLIT PERSONALITY:** Is it a sports utility vehicle or a pick-up truck? Only after years of therapy will we know for certain.

Built off the long-wheelbase platform of the seven-passenger GMC Envoy XL SUV, the XUV is a high-priced SUV, with a starting manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, of \$31,925 for a two-wheel-drive SLE.

But the five-passenger XUV prices can top \$40,000, which is luxury SUV territory.

The base powerplant is a 4.2-liter, inline, Vortec 4200 six cylinder capable of 275 horsepower and 275 foot-pounds at 3,600 rpm.

The uplevel engine, which is a \$1,500 option, is a 5.3-liter Vortec

5300 V8 that can produce 290 horses and 325 foot-pounds of torque at 4,000 rpm.

Rack-and-pinion steering has a light feel in the XUV, and it can take a good amount of turning of the large steering wheel to get the vehicle moving in the direction indicated.

The XUV is in need of a park assist system to alert drivers to obstacles behind them as they back up.

XUVs began arriving in showrooms late last year, and through February, nearly 5,000 were sold.

ANN M. JOB (AP)

## 2004 GMC ENVOY XUV SLT 4WD

**TYPE:** Front-engine, four-wheel-drive, five-passenger, sport utility vehicle

**ENGINE:** 4.2-liter, Vortec 4200, inline six cylinder

**WHEELBASE:** 129 inches

**WEIGHT:** 5,042 pounds

**LENGTH:** 208.4 inches

**MILEAGE:** 15 mpg city, 20 highway

**PRICE AS TESTED:** \$41,985

**BASE PRICE:** \$31,240 for SLE

2WD; \$33,465 for SLE 4WD;

\$35,840 for SLT 2WD; \$38,065 for

SLT 4WD



LIVE ONLINE

## Car Care

Automotive expert **PAT GOSS** owns Pat Goss Car World, Inc., a local car repair company. He chats regularly on [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline).

**What product should I use to have perfectly streak-free windows and mirrors? I've used a Windex streak-free product especially for vehicles. Guess what? It streaks.**

I use Glass Polish from Griot's Garage ([www.griotsgarage.com](http://www.griotsgarage.com)).

**My car has a dinged hood from a low-speed collision. I'm thinking of selling the car and I'm wondering if I would come out ahead if I fixed it before selling? And I hesitate to ask, but what's up with those guys who come up to you in parking lots and say they can "fix" dents?**

Do not, under any circumstance, even talk to one of these crooks. The outcome is usually significantly more expensive damage than you started with. Check with a bodyshop or a paintless dent removal service. It's hard to say if it makes financial sense without seeing the car. Many times it does not.

**What kind of grease should I use on car doors to get a smooth open-and-close?**

We use white lithium grease, which comes in spray cans.

**On a long trip, the oil pressure light on my VW Passat came on intermittently. It seems to happen only when going uphill. I've checked the oil level multiple times; it's fine. Is it possible that something happens to the sensor when going uphill?**

Oil warning lights — especially red oil warning lights — indicate low oil pressure, not oil volume. Red warning lights mean stop. As in, stop right now. It's much like traffic lights at intersections. Red does not mean stop three blocks down the road. In the early stages, you may have been looking at an oil pump problem. Now there are two possibilities: a bad oil pressure switch (very minor, so I hope for your sake that's it) or serious engine damage.

**Car conversation:** Read car experts Pat Goss and Lou Ann Hammond's chats at [washingtonpost.com/cars](http://washingtonpost.com/cars).

# Gas Mileage Claims Draw Scrutiny

**Fuel efficiency stats are rosier than reality, environmentalists say**

**FUEL ECONOMY** | Within a couple of years, Americans could find the fuel-mileage estimates the government puts on new car and truck windows a little more sobering.

Current numbers may be higher than the mileage motorists actually experience, says an environmental group. That has the Environmental Protection Agency looking at whether it should change the way it calculates fuel efficiency.

The agency begun collecting information in response to a petition for change from San Francisco-based Bluewater Network. Any



**FROZEN:** Should the EPA factor increased traffic into its mileage calculations?

changes on the window stickers probably are a few years away.

Bluewater Network contends the current stickers aren't accurate, and the government is misleading auto buyers and policy-makers by overestimating the average fuel economy

of passenger vehicles.

The group issued a report that said passenger vehicles were getting on average less than 20 miles per gallon, or four to five miles per gallon less than EPA estimates.

"Car owners are paying \$200 to

\$300 more every year for gas than they thought," said Russell Long, the group's executive director.

Out-of-date information and assumptions, the environmental group says, include a national speed limit of 55 miles per hour and that motorists spend little more than half their time driving in cities. Today's posted highway speed limits almost always are higher, and increased traffic congestion and urban sprawl have made for more city driving.

The EPA bases its estimates on emission test data from industry. To adjust for actual on-the-road performance, the EPA currently lowers its estimate by 10 percent for city mileage and 22 percent for highway mileage. JOHN HEILPRIN (AP)



LIVE ONLINE

## Chat House

From [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline)

Washington Post sports columnists **TONY KORNHEISER** and **MICHAEL WILBON** were online Tuesday to discuss the world of sports.

**Is there a single player on the Wizards who would be able to beat out the current starter for a spot on one of the top 10 teams in the league? Are any of them among the top 20 at their position?**

**MIKE:** Maybe Gilbert Arenas with a coach who could control him. He's incredibly talented, but is such a wildcard.

**Between the NCAA tournaments, baseball season, hockey and NBA playoffs, and spring — is there a better time of year to be a sports fan?**

**MIKE:** This is a great time, but there is a better time. I love late October when there is baseball, maybe the Ryder Cup, pro football and college football.

**I know that Jerry Stackhouse is the closest thing to a proven star player that the Wizards have, but do you feel that the Wizards would be better served holding on to him or attempting to trade him?**

**TONY:** Jerry Stackhouse is worthless at the moment. He missed the entire season. If you trade him, someone has to pick up a gigantic contract for a guy who has been a great scorer, but never a good shooter, and now he's missed the whole season and he has health issues. So, you will never get equal value for him at this point. Never. The only reason to trade him is because you hate him.

**I thought that the Oklahoma State vs. St. Joe's game was the most exciting game of the NCAA Tournament. The Hawks have nothing to be ashamed of, it was a matter of inches for both times. Too bad either of them had to lose.**

**TONY:** It was a great game and it is a big deal win for Oklahoma State to beat St. Joe's in the Northeast, and St. Joe's proved that it was worthy of a No. 1 seed by getting to the Round of 8 and performing so well in it. That was the best-played game I've seen so far.

# For Starters, Yankees in Last Place

## Tampa Bay wins opener 8-3 over New York

**PRO BASEBALL** | Fans in the Tokyo Dome seemed surprised. The ones back in New York must have been shocked.

On the other side of the world, playing when the rest of baseball was in bed, the New York Yankees looked lost.

Jose Cruz Jr. hit a tying home run that sparked a comeback, Tino Martinez put away his former team with his 300th career homer and the lowly Tampa Bay Devil Rays roughed up Mike Mussina for an 8-3 victory Tuesday over the Yankees in the major league season opener.

The team that dominates the AL East couldn't do much in the Far East, getting out-hit 15-7 and playing sluggishly in the field.

Alex Rodriguez's first game in

pinstripes won't be remembered fondly in the Bronx. He took called third strikes his first two times up before doubling and popping out. But he did make three sparkling defensive plays at third base, the position he switched to when Texas traded him to New York last month.

Hideki Matsui had the first hit of the major league season, a first-inning double in front of the fans who adore their home-grown hero, and he scored on Jason Giambi's two-run homer to left. Gary Sheffield also had a checked-swing RBI double in his first game for New York.

Aside from that, the defending American League champions seemed jetlagged against the younger Devil Rays.

Victor Zambrano got the win for



Former Yankee Tino Martinez hits a home run off his old teammates in Tampa Bay's 8-3 victory over New York in baseball's season opener on Tuesday.

the Devil Rays, who have finished last in all six seasons they've been in the majors. RONALD BLUM (AP)

**Lost in translation:** Thomas Boswell feels something isn't right about baseball's opening day taking place in Japan and not the U.S. | Today's Post, Sports

## NBA

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO	CONF.
X-New Jersey	42	31	.575	—	3-7	29-16
Miami	36	38	.486	6.5	8-2	24-22
New York	35	40	.467	8	6-4	27-20
Boston	34	40	.459	8.5	6-4	23-25
Philadelphia	31	43	.419	11.5	5-5	22-26
Washington	23	51	.311	19.5	3-7	14-33
Orlando	19	56	.253	24	1-9	15-32

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO	CONF.
X-Indiana	54	19	.740	—	7-3	34-11
X-Detroit	47	27	.635	7.5	8-2	31-16
New Orleans	37	36	.507	17	4-6	27-23
Milwaukee	36	37	.493	18	3-7	28-17
Cleveland	32	41	.438	22	5-5	26-22
Toronto	30	43	.411	24	3-7	19-27
Atlanta	24	50	.324	30.5	4-6	15-31
Chicago	20	54	.270	34.5	2-8	17-30

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

MIDWEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO	CONF.
X-Minnesota	51	24	.680	—	6-4	28-18
X-San Antonio	49	25	.662	1.5	7-3	27-17
X-Memphis	48	26	.649	2.5	8-2	27-18
Dallas	45	28	.616	5	5-5	27-17
Houston	42	31	.575	8	5-5	18-25
Utah	38	36	.514	12.5	6-4	22-23
Denver	38	37	.507	13	4-6	24-21

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO	CONF.
X-Sacramento	52	21	.712	—	5-5	29-15
X-L.A. Lakers	50	23	.685	2	9-1	26-18
Portland	37	36	.507	15	7-3	20-26
Seattle	34	39	.466	18	7-3	20-24
Golden State	32	40	.444	19.5	7-3	20-26
L.A. Clippers	27	48	.360	26	1-9	13-34
Phoenix	26	49	.347	27	5-5	13-32

Standings through March 29.

X-Clinched playoff berth.

❖ **Scoreboard:** Get a complete recap of Tuesday's action in the women's NCAA tournament, as well as the NBA and NHL | [washingtonpost.com/sports](http://washingtonpost.com/sports)

## NHL

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Y-Tampa Bay	45	21	8	6	104	240	187
Atlanta	32	36	8	4	76	210	239
Carolina	28	32	13	6	75	160	194
Florida	28	33	14	4	74	175	206
Washington	22	45	9	2	55	174	241

ATLANTIC	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
X-Philadelphia	39	20	14	6	98	223	180
X-New Jersey	41	24	12	2	96	202	159
N.Y. Islanders	36	29	10	4	86	223	202
N.Y. Rangers	26	38	7	8	67	200	239
Pittsburgh	21	46	8	4	54	181	294

NORTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
X-Toronto	43	24	10	3	99	234	204
X-Boston	39	18	14	7	99	198	177
X-Ottawa	41	22	10	6	98	254	178
X-Montreal	40	28	7	4	91	201	182
Buffalo	36	32	7	4	83	213	210

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Y-Detroit	46	20	11	2	105	248	181
St. Louis	37	28	11	2	87	184	191
Nashville	35	28	11	4	85	205	209
Columbus	24	43	8	4	60	169	230
Chicago	20	40	11	7	58	182	244

NORTHWEST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
X-Colorado	39	22	13	5	96	227	189
X-Vancouver	40	24	10	5	95	224	190
Calgary	40	29	7	3	90	195	172
Edmonton	35	27	12	5	87	216	201
Minnesota	27	29	20	3	77	176	177

PACIFIC	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
X-San Jose	41	20	12	6	100	211	176
X-Dallas	40	24	13	2	95	186	166
Los Angeles	28	27	16	8	80	200	207
Anaheim	28	34	10	8	74	181	210
Phoenix	21	35	18	6	66	186	243

Standings through March 29.

Y - Clinched division; X - Clinched playoff spot.

## Redskins Stay Active, Make Trade for Thrash

### Washington re-signs McCants to complete corps of wide receivers

**PRO FOOTBALL** | Wide receiver James Thrash returned to the Washington Redskins on Tuesday in a trade that sent a 2005 fifth-round draft pick to the Philadelphia Eagles.

Thrash began his NFL career with four seasons in Washington before signing a five-year deal with the Eagles as a free agent in 2001.

He joins a crowded Redskins receiving corps and could be the No. 3 wideout, behind Laveranues Coles and Rod Gardner.

Thrash had 164 receptions for 2,026 yards and 15 touchdowns in three years with the Eagles.

His best season was 2001, when he had a career-high 63 catches for 833 yards and eight touchdowns.

His numbers declined each of



James Thrash, who joined the Eagles in 2001, is returning to the Redskins.

the next two seasons and he finished with only 49 catches and one touchdown last year.

The Redskins also re-signed receiver Darnerien McCants and signed defensive back Michael Hall, a tryout player at last weekend's minicamp. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)



**BY THE NUMBERS:** Because D.C. United has decided to close off the upper deck of the 53,000 seat RFK Stadium, only 24,607 fans will be admitted to their matches this season, which begins on Saturday. (AP)



## Sports

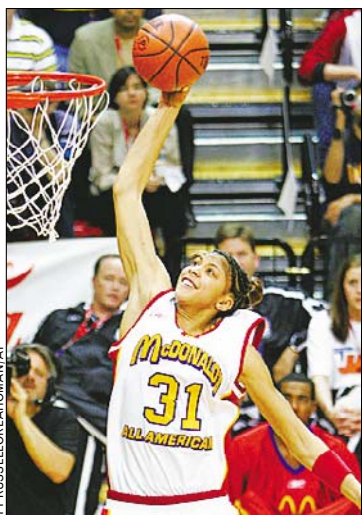
# The Dunks Heard 'Round the World

**BASKETBALL** | Candace Parker, a 6-foot-3 senior from Naperville, Ill., dunked three times and beat five male competitors Monday night to become the first female winner of the slam dunk competition at the McDonald's All-American boys and girls games in Midwest City, Okla.

Parker, who is headed to Tennessee next season, punctuated the competition with a one-handed jam while covering her eyes with her forearm. The crowd roared, and seven of the eight judges gave her 10s.

Parker is the second female participant in the contest. Last year, Brittany Hunter, who now plays at Duke, competed but failed to dunk.

Previous winners of the dunk contest include Vince Carter, Baron Davis, Carmelo Anthony and LeBron James. (AP)



Candace Parker beat the guys in Monday night's dunk contest.

**Tough crowd:** Parker's slam dunk competition included some future NBA players | Today's Post, Page A1

## Agassi Stunned In Fourth Round

**TENNIS** | Andre Agassi's reign on Key Biscayne ended Tuesday when he lost to Agustin Calleri 6-2, 7-6 (2) in the fourth round of the Nasdaq-100 Open. Agassi had won three consecutive titles and 19 straight matches in the tournament. He was bidding for his seventh title in the event and his 800th career match victory.

On the women's side, top-seeded Serena Williams beat Jill Craybas 6-0, 6-1, in the quarterfinals. (AP)



Calleri celebrates after beating Agassi.

### TODAY'S TV LINEUP

**PRO BASKETBALL** (7 p.m. on Comcast) Wizards head coach Eddie Jordan leads Washington against his old team: the New Jersey Nets.

**PRO HOCKEY** (8 p.m. on ESPN2) Detroit, the owner of the NHL's best record, visits Columbus, which will miss the playoffs.

**SOCCER** (1:30 p.m. on ESPN2) The U.S.

men's national team takes on Poland in a friendly match at Plock, Poland.

**TENNIS** (1 p.m. on ESPN) The men's and women's quarterfinals of the NASDAQ-100 Open in Key Biscayne, Fla.

**HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL** (9 p.m. on ESPN) The McDonald's All-American game, featuring some of the best prep athletes in the country.

## In Brief

### FOOTBALL

#### Upon Review, Replay Stays

NFL owners voted to keep instant replay for at least five more seasons, and they added a twist Tuesday: A team successful on two challenges in a game will get a third. The vote at the NFL meetings was 29-3, with Cincinnati, Kansas City and Indianapolis against the five-year extension on replay. (AP)

### BASEBALL

#### Bedard Named O's Starter

Rodrigo Lopez will begin the season in the Baltimore Orioles' bullpen after being replaced in the starting rotation by rookie Erik Bedard, who earned the final spot with an outstanding spring. Bedard, who had ligament replacement surgery in September 2002 and pitched in only six minor league games last year, is 2-0 with a 2.04 ERA in five exhibition games this spring. (AP)

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# Hell Hath No Fury

**A comic-book hero jumps onto the big screen, flaws and all**

**ADAPTATION** | Who the heck is Hellboy?

With his devil's tail, red skin and sanded-down horns — to say nothing of a grotesquely oversized stone right arm — this villainous-looking superhero is nowhere near as popular as Superman, Spider-man or Batman.

But thanks to the efforts of director Guillermo del Toro and some dedicated producers, an unlikely hero has finally arrived in theaters.

"I never thought a film would be made," said Mike Mignola, who created the Dark Horse Comics character a decade ago based on legends and ghost stories he had read.

Despite Hellboy's creature-feature appearance, at heart he's a regular guy. He gets hurt when he fights bad guys. He eats too much. And he's shy around girls.

According to the comic, Hellboy was conjured up 60 years ago by a Nazi collaborator to perpetrate evil. But Allied Forces, led by a paranormal expert, Professor Broom, rescued Hellboy and raised him as a son. Hellboy became part of



**HELLBOY MEETS GIRL WITH FREAKY POWERS:** The tragic hero and the object of his affections share a supernatural moment.

the U.S. government's Bureau for Paranormal Research and Defense, a secret organization that fights dark forces.

Like most filmed adaptations, "Hellboy" is not completely faithful to Mignola's original. Said del Toro, "This is a Guillermo del Toro movie based on a Mike Mignola comic, not a work-for-hire."

Del Toro was firm in his desire to

cast Ron Perlman as Hellboy. He had previously worked with Perlman on "Cronos" and "Blade II." "Somebody said on the Internet that I have a crush on Ron Perlman, which is pretty accurate," the director said.

And what would a comic book action movie be without a beautiful heroine? For "Hellboy," del Toro called on Selma Blair.

The director said he saw a "beau-

tiful melancholy" in Blair's eyes that would be perfect for the role of Liz Sherman.

The filmmakers are cautiously optimistic about the possibility of making a sequel. "Part of the fun of the second movie would be that Hellboy would be out dealing with the craziness with the real world," said del Toro. ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

**Today's Top Stops**

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## World of Music: Trucks Nonstop

Derek Trucks Band searched all around the world to find the music it most wanted to play and decided on ... all of it. The group can ease into blues, reggae, rock Latin or Indian music with cool-headed facility, but it's Trucks's slide guitar moves that ground the band's eclectic style. With Ratdog.

9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; 6:30 p.m., \$35; 703-218-6500. (U St.-Cardozo)

## Amphibian-Americans: Austin Lounge Lizards

2 Tellers of tall tales 'round Texas way, the Austin Lounge Lizards use many stringed instruments (and the occasional drum set) to spin socially and politically minded stories, most of which are funny, all of which you can dance to.

Wolf Trap, the Barns, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna; 8 p.m., \$18; 703-218-6500.



Don't tell the Austin Lounge Lizards, but they look like pretty nice guys to us.

## Cheery Blossoms: Sushi, Sake & Beer

3 If all this cherry blossom business has brought on hunger pangs, head over to the Sushi and Sake Tasting, where more than 25 fish-wranglers from Washington and Japan will slice, dice, wrap, garnish and pour (beer as well as sake).

Mandarin Oriental Hotel, 1330 Maryland Ave. SW; 6:30-9:30 p.m., \$79; 301-738-2409.

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# Big Bird Sells Out

**MARKETING** | Generations who grew up singing "Can you tell me how to get to Sesame Street?" will soon have a new tune to hum.

Sony Wonder's April 6 home video release, "What's the Name of That Song?," will see parents and children warbling along with "Sesame Street" favorites Grover, Big Bird and Elmo as they try to find one song that the whole world can sing. The 50-minute video features appearances by the Dixie Chicks, Gloria Estefan, Diana Krall and Patti LaBelle and also includes a sing-along book.

Also on April 6, Sony Wonder

releases two new-to-DVD sing-alongs, "Sing, Hoot & Howl with the Sesame Street Animals" and "Fiesta!"

The new videos are part of a year-long celebration of "Sesame Street," whose 35th anniversary is Nov. 10. Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit educational organization that created the show (then called Children's Television Workshop), started releasing new merchandise during the 2003 holiday season as part of the celebrations.

Sesame Workshop has teamed with General Mills to offer a new line of "Sesame Street"-themed fruit



**AM I BLUE?** Grover and Kermit in 1999 — more innocent, merchandise-free times.

snacks. Meanwhile, "The Sesame Street Dictionary" comes out in a re-issued run this August with a new CD sampler of classic "Sesame

Street" songs. Several clothing manufacturers have created new lines of loungewear with a "Sesame Street" theme. JILL KIPNIS (BILLBOARD)

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# Entertainment

## Go Honky Talkin'

Hollis Gillespie attracts sass from the locals

PAGES | We all know that strut.

The one where that sketchy guy you always see lounging on your block meanders across a busy street, slooooooowly. Just taking his time. Secure as a sacred cow in a Hindu village. Crosswalks? Stop lights? Oncoming traffic? Hell with 'em.

Author and NPR commentator Hollis Gillespie calls that walk the "[two-syllable badword that rhymes with 'stroll'] Stroll."

And one of her neighborhood strollers gave a name to Gillespie (and her new memoir) — "Bleachy-Haired Honky Bitch" — upon an unexpected encounter with Gillespie's speeding car. Wednesday the author shares more tales from

a bad neighborhood at Politics & Prose.

She knows the local crack dealers lament her arrival — there goes the neighborhood. That bleachy-haired honky bitch is looking for a house. Starbucks can't be far behind.

But woven into her witty stories from the 'hood are poignant flashes of Gillespie's oddball family and friends. There's her mom, a failed cosmetologist who discovered a talent for bomb-making. Her father's genius included drinking and charming the designer shoes off others. And her pal Grant hawks primitive plywood paintings by a fallen nun.

Maybe Gillespie's not so out of place as her neighborhood crack



Gillespie's witty memoir pokes fun at her neighbors, her family and herself.

dealers think. **BOB MASSEY**  
*Politics & Prose Bookstore, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; 7 p.m.; free. 202-364-1919. (Tenleytown)*

### Today's Top Stops

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#### Electric Company: Shocking Good Fun

**4** Arts & Industries hosts an afternoon devoted to the joys of electro-magnetic forces with "ZZZZzap! A Hair-Raising Encounter With Electricity," for kids and fans of free electrons.

*Arts & Industries Building, Discovery Theater, 900 Jefferson Drive SW; through April 3, \$5; 202-357-3030.*

#### Living Doll: 'Coppelia' Debuts

**5** Beloved but creaky "Coppelia" — a pantomime-heavy comic ballet about a young swain in love with a life-size doll and the real-life girl who wins him — gets its mojo back with the Washington Ballet's zesty production under Septime Webre's artistic direction.



Brianne Bland dances the title role of the mechanical doll in "Coppelia."

*Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; through April 3; tonight's performance, 8 p.m., \$48-\$80; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)*

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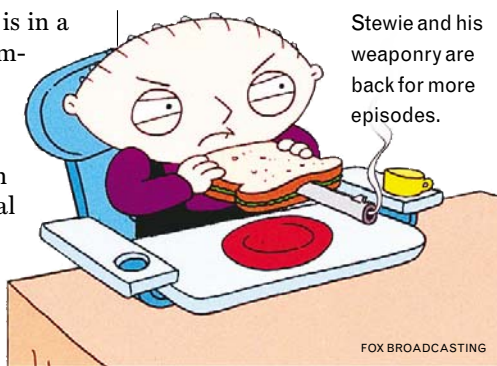
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# Back in the Family at Fox

**RE-UPS** | Fox Television is in a family way again. The company has ordered a minimum of 22 new episodes of the animated series "Family Guy" more than two years after its initial run ended.

The move is in response to the series' strengthening afterlife on DVD and in reruns



Stewie and his weaponry are back for more episodes.

FOX BROADCASTING

on the Cartoon Network. It's been drawing high ratings on cable since the Cartoon Network began programming it opposite the broadcast networks' late-night talk shows, and it ranked as the top-selling television offering on DVD in 2003.

The new shows will premiere next year as part of the Cartoon Network's late-night "Adult Swim" block of animated programs, among which the two-time Emmy winning "Family Guy" is the channel's No. 1 program. **RANDY LEWIS** (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

## APPRECIATION | ALISTAIR COOKE, 1909-2004



JOHN JEFFORD/IBC/JAP

**VOICE OF REASON:** British journalist and broadcaster Alistair Cooke, best known to American audiences as the host of PBS's "Masterpiece Theatre" from 1971 to 1992, died at his home in New York on Tuesday. He was 95.

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Television



CATCHING UP: Fagerbakke, Nelson and Van Dyke take a break on the set of "The District," where the former "Coach" stars were reunited in a courthouse scene.

CBS's 'Coach' Summit

REUNIONS | Craig T. Nelson, Jerry Van Dyke and Bill Fagerbakke keep cracking up on the set of the CBS drama "The District."

The actors, who played football coach Hayden Fox and his goofball assistants Luther Van Dam and "Dauber" Dybinski for nine seasons on the ABC sitcom "Coach," are staging a reunion of sorts.

Van Dyke, playing a small-town judge described in the script as "cranky and brusque," is berating the imposing-looking Nelson, who plays tough-minded Washington, D.C., police Chief Jack Mannion. At this moment, though, the chief seems to be having trouble hiding a smile.

Fagerbakke hovers as a good-natured officer, described in the script as "better suited to being a florist." He's designated to escort Mannion, whose demeanor riles the judge, to the town jail.

The courthouse scene, filmed on a sound stage 3,000 miles from the District of Columbia, occurs during a murder investigation Mannion is conducting.

Titled "The Black Widow Maker," this episode of "The District" airs at 10 p.m. this Friday.

BRIDGET BYRNE (AP)

ON TV TONIGHT

BIG PROBLEM WHALES IN CRISIS

(8 p.m., PBS) In this National Geographic special, marine biologist Ken Balcomb, who has been monitoring generations of whales from his observation station on Washington state's Puget Sound, posits that local whales are being literally driven mad by the sonar from a nearby Navy destroyer.



Half of an apparently sane whale.

YOU VOTE, WE DECIDE

AMERICAN IDOL (8:30 p.m., Fox) After the votes are tallied, only nine contestants will remain. While it's clear that La Toya London and Fantasia Barrino remain the

voices to beat, there are a few Idols I won't miss. Mellow Hawaiian Camile Velasco always performs like she's just gotten out of bed. Diana DeGarmo can belt the notes, but her child-pageant-winner spunk tends to horrify viewers. And will this be the last monotonous John Stevens performance?

NO LOVE FOR DOVES

Charlie Chaplin and Martha Raye star in the dark 1947 comedy MONSIEUR VERDOUX (8 p.m., TCM). The film's pacifist themes inspired a boycott by the American Legion and led to a subpoena before the House Un-American Activities Committee, where Chaplin denied membership in the Communist Party but pleaded guilty to being "a peacemonger." Within five years he would be driven into exile. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live		BET com	The Parkers		College Hill	I'm Living	Comicview		Nightly News	College Hill
	Bravo	(4:30) "The Straight Story"	The West Wing [E]		Queer Eye for Straight Guy		Keen Eddie [E]		Keen Eddie "Sucker Punch"		The West Wing [E]	
	Comedy	Late Night [E]	Daily Show	Mad TV [E]		Yankers	Insomniac	South Park	South Park	Chappelle's	Daily Show	Tough Crowd
	Court	NYPD Blue "Brown Appetit"	Cops [E]	Cops [E]	I, Detective	I, Detective	Forensic	Psychic De	Power, Privilege & Justice		AI Roker Investigates	
	Discovery	Dambreak Disasters	Justice Files [E]		Lost in the Wild (N)		Massacre		Seven Wonders Of... (N)		Lost in the Wild	
	DISCH	Rescue 911	Rescue 911	Paramedics "No Limits"		Progeria: Too Young	Diagnosis: Unknown [E]		Extreme Surgery [E]		Progeria: Too Young	
	Disney	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister	Sister, Sister	Lizzie	★ ★ ½ "Gotta Kick It Up" (2002) Susan Egan [E]		Sister, Sister	Boy World		Kim Possible	Proud Family
	E!	The Rock	E! News (N)	Good to Be	'N Sync: E! THS		Teen Idols of the '90s		Celebrities Uncensored (N)		Howard Stern	Howard Stern
	FX	(5:30) ★ "The One" (2001) Jet Li.		★ ½ "Dude, Where's My Car?" (2000, Comedy) Ashton Kutcher.					Nip/Tuck "Mandi/Randi"		"Dude, Where's My Car?"	
	HGTV	Building	Landscapers	Curb Appeal	House	Dream House	New Spaces	Weekend	Mission		Curb Appeal	Curb Appeal
	Family	Full House	Full House	7th Heaven "My Kinda Guy"		★ ★ ½ "One Fine Day" (1996, Comedy) Michelle Pfeiffer.			Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club [E]	
	History	Deep Sea Detectives [E]	Modern Marvels [E]		Nature Tech "Tornadoes"		Nature Tech "Tsunamis"		Modern Marvels (N) [E]		History's Mysteries [E]	
	Lifetime	The Nanny	Designing	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	"Betrayed: A Story of Three Women" (1995, Drama) [E]			"A Strange Affair" (1996) Judith Light, Jay Thomas [E]			
	MTV	Boiling Points	Cool Cancun	Direct Effect [E]		Making the	John Kerry	Famous Face	Famous Face	Famous Face	Pimp Ride	Pimp Ride
	NICK	U-Pick [E]	U-Pick [E]	Rugrats [E]	SpongeBob	Oddparents	All Grown Up	Full House	Full House	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Roseanne [E]
	SCI FI	Stargate SG-1 [E]	★ ★ ½ "Child's Play" (1988) (PA) Catherine Hicks. [E]		★ ★ "Child's Play 2" (1990) (PA) Alex Vincent. [E]						"Faust: Damned"	
	SPIKE	Real TV [E]	Real TV [E]	Star Trek: Next Gener.		Star Trek: Next Gener.		★ ★ ★ "Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country" (1991) William Shatner.				Ride
	TBS	Home Imp.	Seinfeld [E]	Seinfeld [E]	Friends [E]	Seinfeld [E]	Seinfeld [E]	★ ★ ★ "Total Recall" (1990) (PA) Arnold Schwarzenegger.			★ ★ ½ "Red Heat" (1988)	
	TLC	Clean Sweep [E]	In a Fix "Villa Oasis" (N)		Trading Spaces: Home Free "Orlando"				Trading Spaces: Home Free		Trading Spaces: Home Free	
	TNT	Charmed "Oh My Goddess"	Law & Order "Mad Dog" [E]		Law & Order "Slaughter" [E]		Law & Order "Prejudice" [E]		★ ★ ★ "A League of Their Own" (1992) Geena Davis. [E]			
	USA	Walker, Texas Ranger [E]	JAG "Adrift" [E]		Law & Order		Law & Order		Karen Sisco (N) [E]		Law & Order	
	VHI	(5:00) ★ ★ ★ "The Blues Brothers" (1980) John Belushi.		★ ★ ★ "Grease" (1978, Musical) John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John. [E]						Fabulous Life		Hot Couples 2 [E]
SPAN	TELEM	Corte-Pueblo	Noticiero	Pasión de Gavilanes		(7:50) ★ ★ "Doble Impacto" (1991) Geoffrey Lewis			(9:50) El Alma Herida		Rumbo al Mundial (En Vivo)	
	UNIV	Viviana	Noticiero	Amar Otra Vez		Mariana de la Noche		Bajo la Misma Piel	Don Francisco Presenta		Impacto	Noticiero
SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) [E]		High School Basketball		High School Basketball		High School Basketball McDonald's All-American Game.			SportsCenter (Live) [E]	
	ESPN2	Billiards: WPBA Classic Tour		NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at Columbus Blue Jackets. (Live) [E]			NHL 2Night		Dream Job (N) [E]			
	CSN	NASCAR	SportsNite	NBA Basketball New Jersey Nets at Washington Wizards. (Live)			Wizards Post.		SportsNite	Wizards	Best Damn Sports Show	
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360 [E]		Paula Zahn Now [E]		Larry King Live [E]		NewsNight-Aaron Brown		Lou Dobbs Tonight
	FNC	Special Report (Live) [E]		Fox Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor [E]		Hannity & Colmes [E]		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor
	MSNBC	The Abrams Report (Live)		Hardball (Live) [E]		Countdown-Olbermann		Deborah Norville Tonight		Scarborough Country (Live)		Hardball [E]
MOVIES	AMC	(5:30) ★ ★ ★ "Star Trek: The Motion Picture" (1979) 'PG'			★ ★ ★ "Barbarosa" (1982, Western) Willie Nelson. 'PG'				★ ★ ★ "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral" (1957) Burt Lancaster.			
	TCM	(5:30) ★ ★ ★ ½ "Oklahoma!" (1955) Gordon MacRae. 'G'			Chaplin	★ ★ ★ "Monsieur Verdoux" (1947) Charles Chaplin. 'NR'			Chaplin	★ ★ ★ ½ "Limelight" (1952)		
	HBO	(5:30) "A Mighty Wind" [E]	★ ★ ★ "Star Trek: First Contact" (1996) Patrick Stewart.			The Sopranos [E]			Deadwood "Deep Water" [E]	★ ★ "Old School" (2003) 'R'		
	MAX	Divine	(:45) ★ ½ "Showtime" (2002) Robert De Niro. [E] 'PG-13'		★ ★ "National Security" (2003) [E] 'PG-13'				★ "House of 1000 Corpses" (2003) [E] 'R'		Model Lust	
	SHO	★ ★ ★ "Unhook the Stars" (1996) Gena Rowlands. 'R'		"Spinning Boris" (2003) Jeff Goldblum. iTV. [E]					Soul Food (iTV) (N) [E]		The L Word "Looking Back"	
	TMC	Toys in Attic	★ ★ ★ "The Explosive Generation" (1961)		★ ★ ½ "Terminal Velocity" (1994) 'PG-13'			(:45) ★ ★ ½ "Orange County" (2002) [E]		(:15) ★ ★ "The Fluffer" 'R'		
	STARZ!	(4:45) "Shining Through" 'R'	★ ★ ½ "The Recruit" (2003) Al Pacino. [E] 'PG-13' [E]		★ ★ ★ "Holes" (2003) Sigourney Weaver. [E] 'PG' [E]				★ ★ ★ "About Schmidt" 'R'			
	ENCORE	(:05) ★ ★ ★ ½ "Green Card" (1990) Gérard Depardieu. [E]		★ ★ ★ "Menace II Society" (1993) 'R'			(:35) ★ ★ ★ "Scream" (1996) Neve Campbell. [E] 'R' [E]					Blade II 'R'



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# People



LORENZO DEVILUQUA/ESPN/AP

## REALITY

### Let's All Get Our Jobs This Way!

**MIKE HALL** has landed his "Dream Job." Hall, majoring in broadcast journalism at the University of Missouri, was the survivor Sunday night on ESPN's reality show to become the cable network's newest sportscaster. Besides winning a new car, Hall (above with host **STUART SCOTT**) correctly answered five trivia questions worth \$5,000 each, enhancing his one-year ESPN contract, now worth \$95,000. (AP)

## VISAS

### Lock Up Your Wives

**JAMES BROWN** will perform in New Zealand after the government granted him a special visa, despite a string of criminal convictions that would normally ban him from the country. "In deciding to approve a special



visa, the minister felt that the benefits of allowing Mr. Brown to visit New Zealand outweighed any conflicting concerns associated with his visit," said an immigration official. (AP)

## ARRESTS

### He Forgot the Alamo

Actor **JASON PATRIC** was arrested in Austin, Texas, on misdemeanor charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest. Patric, 37, was with a group standing in a downtown street about 3 a.m. when they were asked by officers to move, police said Monday. Patric took an aggressive stance, police said. When they tried to arrest him, he resisted and shoved an officer. Patric was booked into the Travis County Jail and released five hours later. His latest film, "The Alamo," opens April 9. (AP)



## DEALS

### Sing: Tonight, Tonight, I Make Big Bucks Tonight

NBC has replaced **JAY LENO**'s current deal, which expired at the end of next year, with a new contract that locks him in as "Tonight" show host until the end of 2009. The five-year deal was said to be worth about \$100 million. Leno's contract extension leaves up in the air the future of Conan O'Brien, who has no apparent path for advancement at NBC from his 12:35 a.m. time slot as host of the "Late Night" show. O'Brien is signed through 2005. (AP)



## BLEEPS

### Earthlings Are Dull, Strange Creatures; We Grow Bored

**JANET JACKSON** was bleeped by censors while talking to CBS talk show host David Letterman — for saying "Jesus." The exclamation, made in apparent exasperation as Letterman asked the singer about her famed Super Bowl "wardrobe malfunction," was edited out for Monday

night's broadcast, a show spokesperson said. Jackson repeatedly told Letterman she didn't want to talk about the incident. She said it was "very embarrassing to me, to have so many people see this little breast." "Well ...," Letterman said, indicating Jackson was doing some verbal downsizing. (AP)



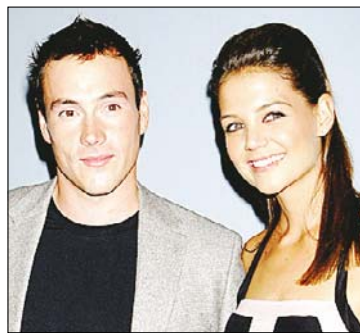
JOHN PAUL FILO/ABC

Jackson's point is lost, but it's abundantly clear what Letterman is focused on.

## MUSINGS

### Pretty People Should Marry

Actor **CHRIS KLEIN** says it was only natural for him to propose to **KATIE HOLMES** in December after dating for five years. "I really believe it's the natural evolution of a relationship," Klein told AP Radio. "That's the next step. Not because it has to be but because it's the next thing that should happen in order for us to grow and be together." The two have not yet set a date. (AP)



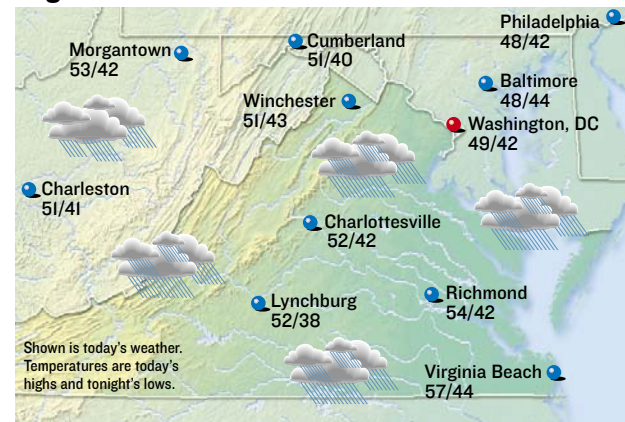
JENNIFER GRAYLOCK/AP

He used to look so much like Keanu, she thought sadly. Now ... not so much.

## 5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Cloudy and chilly with rain <b>49°</b>	Rain, drizzle and fog <b>42°</b>	Mostly cloudy with a few showers <b>49° / 42°</b>	Variably cloudy; spotty showers <b>54° / 40°</b>	Mostly cloudy and breezy <b>58° / 42°</b>	Partly sunny and a bit milder <b>62° / 42°</b>

## Regional Weather



## Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

### Temperature

High	47°
Low	38°
Normal high	61°
Normal low	41°
Average humidity	75%

### Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	2.03"
Normal month to date	3.50"
Year to date	5.66"
Last year to date	13.59"
Normal year to date	9.45"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see:  
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## Regional Forecast

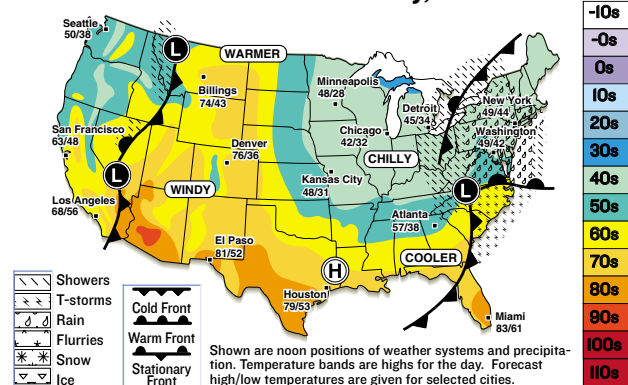
**D.C. Metro:** Today, cloudy, chilly, rain, drizzle, fog. High 49. Wind east to southeast 6-12 mph. Tonight, chilly, rain, drizzle, fog. Low 42.

## Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	5:54 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:31 p.m.
Moonrise today	1:22 p.m.
Moonset today	3:39 a.m.

Phase	Full	Last	New	First
Date	Apr 5	Apr 11	Apr 19	Apr 27

## National Weather for Wednesday, March 31



## National Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	57/38/sh	58/41/pc
Boston	44/38/r	44/38/r
Chicago	42/32/sn	46/35/sh
Dallas	70/46/s	72/52/pc
Denver	76/36/s	72/38/pc
Honolulu	84/71/s	85/73/s
Los Angeles	68/56/pc	72/54/pc
Miami	83/61/pc	80/56/s
New York City	49/44/r	50/39/r
Orlando	80/50/pc	76/52/s
Seattle	50/38/pc	56/40/pc

## World Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	57/48/pc	56/51/r
Athens	62/45/pc	55/40/r
Berlin	59/42/s	58/42/pc
Buenos Aires	84/68/r	79/64/sh
Calgary	44/25/r	39/24/sn
Dublin	54/45/pc	56/38/r
Geneva	58/43/r	61/47/c
Moscow	38/14/sn	25/4/pc
Rome	62/45/sh	61/48/r
Sydney	82/61/s	77/59/c
Tokyo	66/44/s	57/47/s

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.



# Playback

## Letters

### TO THE EDITOR

MR. SCHMIDT'S SUPPORT for the war in Iraq (Letters, March 30) seems to rest on two fallacious assumptions: That Saddam sponsored al Qaeda and that the threat of invasion changed Libya's practices.

The fact remains that Saddam Hussein is a secularist who fought Islamic fundamentalists his whole life to stay in power. It is highly unlikely that he would support a group that called for his regime's destruction.

With regard to Libya, over a decade of sanctions and a year of talks before the invasion of Iraq convinced Gadhafi to give up his pursuit of WMD. If anything, the case of Libya displays how diplomacy can work.

—PRESTON JACOBS  
College Park, Md.



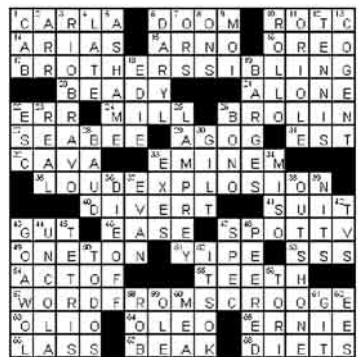
**SPEAK UP:** Got a story to tell? We want to hear it. Express is accepting guest column submissions from readers.

Submissions should be between 200 and 250 words and must include all the usual contact information. We'll give preference to columns about living in or commuting to D.C. — in other words, less politics and griping, more observation and reflection. Columns will run occasionally, as space allows. Send submissions by e-mail to [inbox@readexpress.com](mailto:inbox@readexpress.com).

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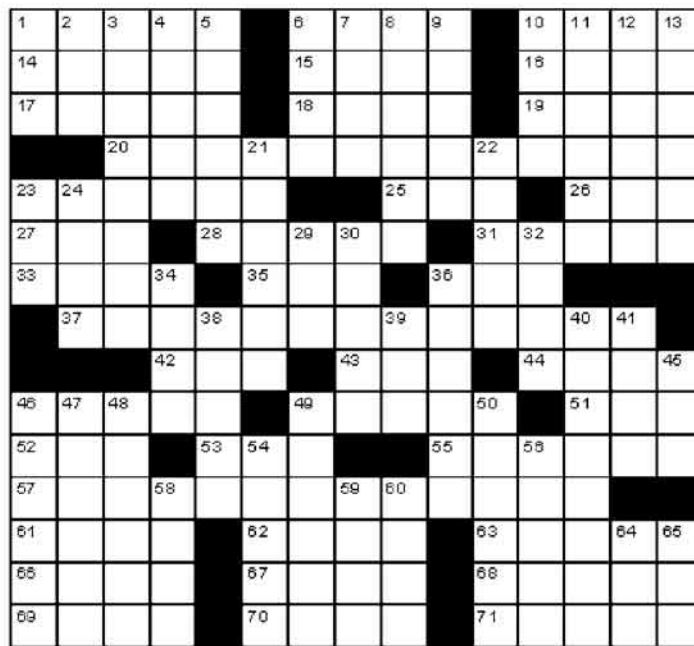
### Yesterday's Solution



### Crossword Puzzle: Falling for You | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

#### ACROSS

- 1 Desert traveler
- 6 Bride's throwaway
- 10 Big do
- 14 "William Tell," e.g.
- 15 Willing partner?
- 16 Load to bear
- 17 Robe fabric
- 18 Lamb cut
- 19 Seniors' group
- 20 Rock Hudson/Gina Lollobrigida '60s flick
- 23 Like some arrangements
- 25 Shaft with a blade
- 26 Island chain
- 27 Gambler's marker
- 28 Like some situations
- 31 "\_\_\_ you the clever one?"
- 33 Spelling on TV
- 35 A pro might shoot it
- 36 Good name for a cook?
- 51 Haunted house sound
- 52 Best seller's number
- 53 Make zigzags, maybe
- 55 Expose to fresh air
- 57 Sandy Dennis/Anthony Newley '60s flick
- 61 Not a short story
- 62 Many miles away



#### DOWN

- 2 Mock, in a way
- 3 "Never on Sunday" actress Melina
- 4 Overthrow, perhaps
- 5 Neither clergyman nor professional
- 6 Chums
- 7 One of the reeds
- 8 Get into with ease
- 9 Gossipy sort
- 10 Brew topper
- 11 Make possible
- 12 Soup holder
- 13 Verve
- 21 Secretly weds
- 22 Inspiration for Yeats
- 23 Tailor's concern
- 24 Weaver's contraption
- 29 Civil \_\_\_
- 30 O. Henry specialty
- 32 Cartoonist Goldberg
- 34 Goddess in "Aida"
- 36 Mill site
- 38 Lovers' rendezvous
- 39 Whistle blower
- 40 Boarded a ship
- 41 Civil disorder
- 45 Stubbed item
- 46 Paleontologist's find
- 47 Easily tripped up
- 48 "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" singer
- 49 Double offer, informally
- 50 Future Kerry/Bush event
- 54 Do a legislator's job
- 56 Epoxy, for one
- 58 Slack off, with up
- 59 Crooner Jerry
- 60 Contemporary of Agatha
- 64 Id companion
- 65 Savannah-to-Baton Rouge dir.

### The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



### Horoscope | Stella Wilder

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Someone you know well is trying to keep something from you. Don't reveal what you know about the situation until the time is just right.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Ripeness is all — you must remember this simple adage as you prepare for something that could prove dangerous if you're ill-prepared.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — You can supplement your income a bit, but you can't expect all your problems to be solved as a result of this temporary creativity.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — You must concede that you may be on the right track, but you're not about to prove it just yet. You are confident that success beckons.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Energy levels are on the rise, and you'll be eager for a new creative outlet very soon. You won't put up with being held back for any reason.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — No one knows the way you know yourself, but this doesn't mean you can't fall victim to a bit of self-deception. Don't fool yourself.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — You must consider all the options open to you before you try to come up with viable options. Turn left or right and problems still loom.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — You should switch to an easily persuasive approach. The time for aggression has passed.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — You may

oppose the rules, but you nevertheless realize that you must still follow them — at least for a while yet.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — You're in the mood for something a little more daring than usual. Take care, however, that you don't throw all caution to the wind.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Someone or something may be catching up with you. Take decisive action before the day is out and you'll maximize chance for gain.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — You may not be able to keep a promise given to a friend or loved one — but he or she is sure to understand, and forgive, when you explain yourself.

### LIVE ONLINE

## World Views

From [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline)

Washingtonpost.com Staff Writer **JEFFERSON MORLEY** was online Tuesday in his weekly chat, World Opinion Roundup, to discuss America in the eyes of the world.

**Were people in Europe really upset that Israel fired a rocket at the head of Hamas? Why would the Europeans care?**

Yes, they were that upset. Europeans care because they are a lot closer to large populations of aggrieved Arabs.

**Do other countries care whether Condoleezza Rice testifies before the 9/11 commission? Is this strictly domestic politics?**

I've been struck in the last couple of days about how little foreign commentary there has been on this. So, yes, I do think it plays overseas as domestic U.S. politics. By contrast, Richard Clarke's testimony received abundant (and warm) coverage.

**What's the latest on Osama bin Laden? If the U.S. got him, would they hold up his release, then make the announcement to enhance President Bush's re-election?**

The latest is that there is no latest. I've heard well-informed people in Washington say that he is dead, probably killed at Tora Bora in late 2001. But I don't think anybody without very high security clearances has anything more than an educated guess as to his condition and whereabouts.

I know people have talked about holding him secretly until a propitious political moment. Maybe I'm naive but I doubt it could be done.

**I watch BBC newscasts on cable, and they have said repeatedly that Americans are more concerned with March Madness than with the 9/11 commission. This makes me want to scream.**

Scream away. It's true.

### Today on Live Online

**11 A.M.:** Homeland Security Department Undersecretary Asa Hutchinson discusses enforcement of the nation's borders and anti-terrorism efforts in the areas of transportation and immigration.

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